

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Gelagay for conducting an interview with Applicant's undersigned representative, Brett J. Schlameus, on January 22, 2009.

During the interview, Applicant's representative and Examiner Gelagay discussed the present rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 103(a). More particularly, Applicant's representative presented arguments distinguishing independent Claims 1 and 43, as amended as proposed during the interview, from the cited references. Applicant's representative also presented arguments explaining why Claims 3, 8, and 44 recite statutory subject matter.

Applicant's representative understood Examiner Gelagay to agree to reconsider the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Further, Applicant's representative understood Examiner Gelagay to agree that independent Claims 1 and 43, as amended as proposed during the interview, are allowable over at least the references of record. In particular, Applicant's representative understood to Examiner Gelagay to agree that the cited references neither teach nor suggest at least "requesting...status information from the downstream component using the secure communication channel" and "ascertaining...whether the one or more content protection technologies are supported by hardware for the particular physical connector," as presently recited in independent Claims 1 and 43. Accordingly, Applicant hereby amends Claims 1 and 43 in the manner discussed during the interview.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 43-51 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.